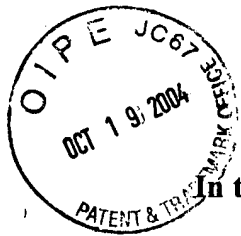


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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Commissioner of Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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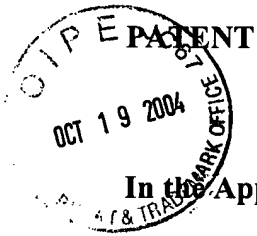
In regard to the above identified application:

1. We are transmitting herewith the attached
 - A. Transmittal Letter
 - B. Response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment 9-21-04
2. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2490.
3. The undersigned hereby certifies that this Transmittal Letter and this paper, as described in paragraph 1 herein above, are being sent via Express Mail, addressed to: Commissioner of Patents, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on October 19, 2004.

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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed September 21, 2004, Applicants submit the following correction to the "Listing of Claims" section of the Office Action Response dated August 26, 2004, and repeat the arguments previously set forth.

Applicants present a corrected complete listing of the claims, including canceled and pending claims, beginning at page 2.

The Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.